THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Plans for enhancement of telephone exchange capacity in the district of Cuddapah, Chittoor and Anantapur for the year 1998-99 are given below:—

Name of the District	Capacity enhancement Planned
Cuddapah	16848
Chittoor	42984
Anantapur	25564

Plans are made on yearly basis. Plans for the year 1999-2000 for enhancement of telephone exchange capacity will be made in due course based on waiting list and demand.

(b) The district-wise waiting list as on 31.10.98 is given below:—

District	Total waiting list
Cuddapah	4838
Chittoor	12530
Anantapur	6123

(c) The number of new lines planned for release during 1998-99 are given under:—

District	New lines target
Cuddapah	7000
Chittoor	15500
Anantapur	8500

(d) Orders have been placed and supplies are being made progressively.

(e) Question does not arise.

Supervision of rural telecom package

2077. SHRI V. P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed any monitoring authority to supervise the implementation of rural telecom package announced in November, 1995 to achieve the target of providing subsidised telephone services to rural people in a large scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and '

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) to (c)The Rural Telecom Package announced in November, 1995 envisaged concessional tariffs, enhanced free calls, lower registration fee and rental etc. to rural subscribers. The various features as envisaged in the package have been extended to all eligible place in the country.

However, there were no specific targets with regard to the package and no separate monitoring authority was appointed.

Non-availability of Pin Code books and stamps

2078. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pin Code books, Re 1/- and 50 paise stamps are not available in various sub-post offices in the country especially in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to help poor people who face delay in delivery in the absence of Pin Code in sub-post offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RABINDRA PURRAYASTHA): (a) There is no shortage of Pin Code books, Stamps of Re. 1/- and 50 paise denomination in various sub-post offices in the country especially in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar.

(b) Does not arise as per (a) above.

उत्तर प्रदेश में ग्रामीण पी0 सी0 ओ0 हेतु मशीनें

2079. **श्री मुनव्वर हसन :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच हैं कि उत्तर प्रदेश के विभिन्न जनपदों के गांवो में ग्रामीण पी0 सी0 ओ0 लगाने के लिए टावर लगा दिए जाने के बावजूद मशीने आज तक नहीं लगाई गई हैं ।

(ख) ऐसे कौन-कौन से जनपद हैं जहां एक वर्ष से अधिक समय से टावर लगे हुए हैं लेकिन मशीनें आज तक नहीं लगाई गई हैं,